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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAHA 272

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: MARINE MP-REPORTER INCIDENT

REF: NAHA 266

SUMMARY: LOCAL PRESS CONTINUES HEAVY COVERAGE OF INCIDENT

INVOLVING MARINE MP'S AND REPORTERS. AMERICAN REPORTER SAID

HE WILL APPEAL TO AMERICAN PUBLIC THROUGH U.S. MEDIA.

OKINAWA GOVT LIAISON CHIEF OSHIMA CALLED TO "DISCUSS" INCIDENT

WITH CONGEN. END SUMMARY

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1. BOTH JAPANESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS HERE

CONTINUE TO GIVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO THE MAY 24 INCIDENT

INVOLVING MARINE MP'S AND RYUKYU SHIMPO AND AMERICAN LEFTIST

PRESS REPORTERS. THE MAY 30 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MORNING STAR HEAD-

LINED THAT A CONGEN SPOKESMAN HAD DENIED RYUKYO SHIMPO REPORTS

ALLEGING THAT AN EMBASSY TOKYO OFFICIAL HAD SAID HE VIEWED THE

INCIDENT AS A DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE SOFA. REPORT ALSO

CLARIFIED SLANTED VERNACULAR PRESS REPORTS OF MY MEETING WITH JCP

DIETMEMBER SENAGA.

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2. THE OKINAWA TIMES, ADDING ITS VOICE TO THE HUE AND CRY

REPORTED PRESS INTERVIEWS HELD BY THE TWO REPORTERS MAY 29.  
PARKER REPORTEDLY SAID THE U.S. HAS NO SENSE OF GUILT FOR THE  
CRIMES IT HAD COMMITTED, THAT INCIDENTS SUCH AS THE FLORES RAPE  
CASE AND IE SHIMA INCIDENTS WOULD CONTINUE AS LONG AS U.S.  
FORCES STAY HERE, AND THAT HE INTENDS TO APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN  
PUBLIC THROUGH 50 NEWSPAPERS, AND MASS MEDIA NETWORKS, INCLUDING  
THE NEW YORK GUARDIAN.  
3. THE SHIMPO REPORTED THAT THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVT  
CONSIDERS THE INCIDENT A DEVIATION FROM U.S. MILITARY POLICE  
RIGHTS AUTHORIZED IN THE SOFA. GOVERNOR YARA REPORTEDLY STATED

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THAT THE MARINE MP INCIDENT, COMING ON TOP OF OTHER INCIDENTS,  
INCLUDING THE FLORES RAPE CASE, HAS STRENGTHENED HIS CONVICTION  
THAT U.S. BASES SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM OKINAWA.  
4. PREFECTURAL LIAISON BUREAU CHIEF OSHIMA CALLED TO "DISCUSS"  
THE INCIDENT WITH THE CONSUL GENERAL. AFTER LISTENING TO OUR  
EXPLANATION BASED ON THE MARINE INVESTIGATION, OSHIMA MOANED  
AT LENGTH ON HIS PROBLEMS BEING HOUNDED BY THE LOCAL LEFTIST  
ACTIVIST REPORTERS. WE AGREED THAT HE WOULD TELL THE PRESS  
THAT HE HAD REQUESTED MY EXPLANATION OF THE INCIDENT AND THAT  
I SAID THE FOLLOWING: THE MP'S WERE ENGAGED IN THE COURSE OF  
OUR EFFORT TO ENFORCE DISCIPLINE STRICTLY; THE PROBLEM AROSE  
BECAUSE THE TWO REPORTERS DID NOT IDENTIFY THEMSELVES NOR ACT  
LIKE REPORTERS; WHILE WHO WAS AT FAULT IS UNCLEAR, THERE WAS  
SOME UNFORTUNATE DELAY IN GETTING THEM PROMPTLY INTO POLICE  
CUSTODY;. WE DO NOT FEEL THE MP'S, WHO WERE IN HOT PURSUIT OF  
A SPEEDING CAR LEAVING A BASE, WERE IN VIOLATION OF THE SOFA.  
OSHIMA SAID HE WOULD TELL THE PRESS THAT THE PREFECTURE FELT  
THE INCIDENT WAS REGRETTABLE BUT THAT THEY WERE STILL  
WAITING THE POLICE INVESTIGATION TO CLARIFY EVENTS.  
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